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An example of the protein is the protein encoded by the nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1 (this is the open reading frame). The amino acid sequence encoded by this nucleotide sequence is shown in SEQ ID NO:3. The full nucleotide sequence is as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

✓ Please delete the heading entitled "Introduction" at page 28, line 20.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked up version of the relevant paragraphs accompanies this amendment.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 8, 9 and 24 and amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID. NO:3

2. (Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 wherein said nucleic acid molecule has a nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up version of this claim accompanies this amendment.

**REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

The objection to the drawings, the abstract, the disclosure and the title is respectively traversed in view of the above amendments.